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IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

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on November 19, 2001.Name of person signing Tandra BlueSignature **RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY**Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

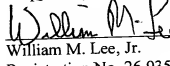
A notice of incomplete reply has been received (copy attached), but since the notice of incomplete reply is in clear error, retraction of the notice is requested.

As clearly set forth in the response mailed September 19, 2001, three declarations were being transmitted because one declaration had signatures by Messrs. Kirkby, Ireland and Kadengal, one had signature by Mr. Heffernan, and one had signature by Mr. Hamer. Thus, the three declarations clearly had signature by all five inventors, including Mr. Hamer, and nothing more could possibly be presented to the Patent and Trademark Office.

Duplicate copies of the declarations are appended hereto. It is requested that the Patent and Trademark Office acknowledge its error and further process this application as appropriate.

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 09/24/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 07/19/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The required items noted below SHOULD be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:
Peter Hamer

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.

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